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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

June 5, 2006

Office of the Chief Counsel

Mr. Harry R. Steinmetz (3HS62)
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

This letter responds to the Information Request (IR) contained in your letter dated 18 April 2006 to the Commander, Fort Monmouth regarding the Safety Light Corporation Site (Site), Bloomsburg (Columbia County), Pennsylvania.

Based on our research and inquiries, the US Army understands that the Site is an active manufacturing facility occupying approximately 2 acres of a 10 acre property adjacent to the Susquehanna River. Further, it is understood that the EPA is looking for information regarding past disposal practices of various radioactive isotopes at the Site which allegedly resulted in radiological contamination of on-site soils and groundwater. Based on this background information, Fort Monmouth conducted an investigation of post records to search for information in response to the IR.

Three Fort Monmouth organizations, the Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command (C-E LCMC) Acquisition Center, C-E LCMC Historical Records Management Office, and Fort Monmouth Garrison Department of Public Works (DPW), conducted searches to determine if they possessed records or information responsive to the IR. In addition to searching under the Site's name, terms outlined in your letter to include "U.S. Radium", "Lime Ridge Industries", "USR Industries", "US Metals", "Metreal" and "Isolite" were used.

The Acquisition Center conducted thorough computer database searches regarding any records of contracts or contacts with the Site. The Acquisition Center was unable to locate any information concerning efforts related to the Safety Light Corporation. All contracting files that may have existed prior to 1990 have been destroyed.

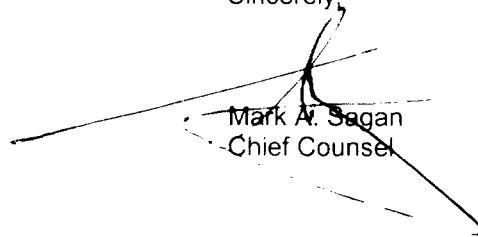
Both the Historical Records Management Office and DPW conducted searches of their hardcopy files and electronic databases and did not find any records or information disclosing any transactions identified in the IR or with respect to the Safety Light Corporation.

Both the Acquisition Center and the Historical Records Management Office follow Army Regulations for the retention of contract records, which are consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulation at 48 CFR 4.805 requiring the retention of contract records for 6 years and 3 months after final payment. For the period of interest, the 1950s-1960s, any contract records that may have existed have been destroyed.

We have forwarded copies of this letter to Ms. Carrie Greco, Department of the Army Environmental Law Division and Mr. John German, Associate Counsel, Environmental Law, Office of the Command Counsel, Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command.

The point of contact for this action is Ms. Johanna Crawford, (732) 532-5660.

Sincerely,

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